

Waters Welch (VT) Wynn
Watson Wexler Yarmuth
Watt Wilson (OH)
Waxman Woolsey
Weiner Wu

NOT VOTING—21

Alexander Davis, Tom LaHood
Andrews Dicks Moran (VA)
Blunt Doggett Nadler
Brown-Waite, Everrett Peterson (PA)
Ginny Feeney Rush
Campbell (CA) Higgins Weller
Clyburn Hulshof
Cramer King (IA)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes left to record their vote.

□ 2008

Messrs. BONNER, MCINTYRE and MITCHELL changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 368, noes 43, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 217]

AYES—368

Abercrombie Buyer Donnelly
Ackerman Calvert Doolittle
Aderholt Camp (MI) Doyle
Akin Cannon Drake
Allen Cantor Dreier
Altmire Capito Edwards
Arcuri Capps Ehlers
Baca Capuano Ellison
Bachmann Cardoza Ellsworth
Bachus Carnahan Emanuel
Baird Carney Emerson
Baldwin Carson Engel
Barrett (SC) Castle English (PA)
Barrow Castor Eshoo
Bartlett (MD) Chabot Etheridge
Bean Chandler Fallin
Becerra Clarke Farr
Berkley Clay Fattah
Berman Cleaver Ferguson
Berry Coble Filner
Biggert Cohen Forbes
Bilbray Cole (OK) Fortenberry
Bilirakis Conaway Fossella
Bishop (GA) Conyers Foster
Bishop (NY) Cooper Frank (MA)
Bishop (UT) Costa Frelinghuysen
Blackburn Costello Gallegly
Blumenauer Courtney Garrett (NJ)
Bonner Crenshaw Gerlach
Bono Mack Crowley Giffords
Boozman Cuellar Gilchrest
Boren Cummings Gillibrand
Boswell Davis (AL) Gingrey
Boucher Davis (CA) Gohmert
Boustany Davis (IL) Gonzalez
Boyd (FL) Davis, David Goode
Boyd (KS) Davis, Lincoln Goodlatte
Brady (PA) DeFazio Gordon
Brady (TX) DeGette Granger
Braley (IA) Delahunt Graves
Brown (SC) DeLauro Green, Al
Brown, Corrine Dent Green, Gene
Buchanan Diaz-Balart, L. Grijalva
Burton (IN) Diaz-Balart, M. Gutierrez
Butterfield Dingell Hall (NY)

Hall (TX) McCotter
Hare McCreery
Harman McDermott
Hastings (FL) McGovern
Hastings (WA) McHenry
Hayes McHugh
Heller McIntyre
Hill McKeon
Hinchey McMorris
Hinojosa Rodgers
Hirono McNerney
Hobson McNulty
Hoekstra Meek (FL)
Holden Meeks (NY)
Holt Melancon
Honda Mica
Hooley Michaud
Hoyer Miller (MI)
Hunter Miller (NC)
Inglis (SC) Miller, George
Inslee Mitchell
Israel Mollohan
Issa Moore (KS)
Jackson (IL) Moore (WI)
Jackson-Lee Moran (KS)
(TX) Murphy (CT)
Jefferson Murphy, Patrick
Johnson (GA) Murphy, Tim
Johnson (IL) Murtha
Johnson, E. B. Musgrave
Johnson, Sam Napolitano
Jones (NC) Neal (MA)
Jones (OH) Oberstar
Kagen Obey
Kanjorski Olver
Kaptur Ortiz
Keller Pallone
Kennedy Pascarell
Kildee Pastor
Kilpatrick Payne
Kind Pearce
King (IA) Pence
King (NY) Perlmutter
Kingston Peterson (MN)
Kirk Petri
Klein (FL) Pickering
Kline (MN) Pitts
Knollenberg Platts
Lamborn Pomeroy
Lampson Porter
Langevin Price (GA)
Larsen (WA) Price (NC)
Larsen (CT) Pryce (OH)
Latham Putnam
LaTourette Rahall
Latta Ramstad
Lee Rangel
Levin Regula
Lewis (CA) Rehberg
Lewis (GA) Reichert
Lewis (KY) Renzi
Lipinski Reyes
LoBiondo Reynolds
Loeb sack Richardson
Lofgren, Zoe Rodriguez
Lowey Rogers (AL)
Lucas Rogers (KY)
Lungren, Daniel Rogers (MI)
E. Ros-Lehtinen
Lynch Roskam
Mack Ross
Mahoney (FL) Rothman
Maloney (NY) Roybal-Allard
Marshall Ruppersberger
Matheson Ryan (OH)
Matsui Ryan (WI)
McCarthy (CA) Salazar
McCarthy (NY) Sánchez, Linda
McCaull (TX) T.
McCollum (MN) Sanchez, Loretta

NOES—43

Barton (TX) Herseth Sandlin
Boehner Hodes
Broun (GA) Jordan
Burgess Kucinich
Carter Kuhl (NY)
Cubin Linder
Culberson Manulillo
Davis (KY) Marchant
Deal (GA) Markey
Duncan Miller (FL)
Flake Miller, Gary
Foxy Myrick
Franks (AZ) Neugebauer
Hensarling Nunes
Herger Paul

Sarbanes
Saxton
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Space
Speier
Spratt
Stark
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Berman
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL)
Wexler
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—20

Alexander Cramer Hulshof
Andrews Davis, Tom LaHood
Blunt Dicks Moran (VA)
Brown-Waite, Doggett Nadler
Ginny Everett Peterson (PA)
Campbell (CA) Feeney Rush
Clyburn Higgins Weller

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining to vote.

□ 2015

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2830, COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1126, on which a recorded vote was ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 220, noes 187, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 218]

AYES—220

Abercrombie Davis, Lincoln Johnson (GA)
Ackerman DeFazio Johnson, E. B.
Allen DeGette Jones (OH)
Altmire Delahunt Kagen
Arcuri DeLauro Kanjorski
Baca Dingell Kaptur
Baird Donnelly Kennedy
Baldwin Doyle Kildee
Barrow Ellison Kilpatrick
Bean Ellsworth Kind
Becerra Emanuel Klein (FL)
Berkley Engel Kucinich
Berman Eshoo Langevin
Berry Etheridge Larsen (WA)
Bishop (GA) Farr Larson (CT)
Bishop (NY) Fattah Lee
Blumenauer Filner Levin
Boren Foster Lewis (GA)
Boswell Frank (MA) Lipinski
Boucher Giffords Loeb sack
Boyd (FL) Gillibrand Lofgren, Zoe
Boyda (KS) Gonzalez Lowey
Brady (PA) Gordon Lynch
Braley (IA) Green, Al Mahoney (FL)
Brown, Corrine Green, Gene Maloney (NY)
Butterfield Grijalva Markey
Capps Gutierrez Marshall
Capuano Hall (NY) Matheson
Cardoza Hare Matsui
Carnahan Harman McCarthy (NY)
Carney Hastings (FL) McCollum (MN)
Carson Herseth Sandlin McDermott
Castor Hill McGovern
Chandler Hinchey McIntyre
Clarke Hinojosa McNerney
Cleaver Hirono McNulty
Cohen Hodes Meek (FL)
Conyers Holden Meeks (NY)
Cooper Holt Melancon
Costa Honda Michaud
Costello Hooley Miller (NC)
Courtney Hoyer Miller, George
Crowley Inslee Mitchell
Cuellar Israel Mollohan
Cummings Jackson (IL) Moore (KS)
Davis (AL) Jackson-Lee Moore (WI)
Davis (CA) (TX) Murphy (CT)
Davis (IL) Jefferson Murphy, Patrick

Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Rahall
Reyes
Richardson
Rodriguez
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Salazar

Sánchez, Linda T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Space
Speler
Spratt
Stark
Stupak
Sutton
Tanner
Tauscher

Taylor
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walz (MN)
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Wexler
Wilson (OH)
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Yarmuth

NOES—187

Aderholt
Akin
Bachmann
Bachus
Barrett (SC)
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Boehner
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boustany
Brady (TX)
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Carter
Castle
Chabot
Clay
Coble
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Crenshaw
Cubin
Culberson
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Deal (GA)
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Doolittle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Ehlers
Emerson
English (PA)
Fallin
Flake
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foxx
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach

Gilchrest
Gingrey
Gohmert
Goode
Goodlatte
Granger
Graves
Hall (TX)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Issa
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jordan
Keller
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kuhl (NY)
Lamborn
Lampson
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
LoBiondo
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel E.
Mack
Manzullo
Marchant
McCarthy (CA)
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McHugh
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller, Gary
Moran (KS)
Moran (KS)
Musgrave
Myrick
Neugebauer
Nunes

Paul
Pearce
Pence
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Porter
Price (GA)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reynolds
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Sali
Saxton
Schmidt
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shays
Shimkus
Shuster
Simpson
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Souder
Stearns
Sullivan
Tancredo
Terry
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Turner
Upton
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Westmoreland
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—24

Alexander
Andrews
Blunt
Brown-Waite,
Ginny

Campbell (CA)
Clyburn
Cramer
Davis, Tom
Dicks

Doggett
Edwards
Everett
Feeney
Ferguson

Higgins
Hulshof
LaHood
Moran (VA)

Nadler
Peterson (PA)
Rangel
Rush

Schwartz
Weller

□ 2023

Mr. KING of New York changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 218, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Stated against:

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 218, I inadvertently voted “yes” and had intended to vote “no.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 223, noes 183, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 219]

AYES—223

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Altmire
Arcuri
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Barrow
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd (FL)
Boyd (KS)
Brady (PA)
Braley (IA)
Brown, Corrine
Butterfield
Capps
Capuano
Carnahan
Carmey
Carson
Castor
Chandler
Clarke
Cleaver
Cohen
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis, Lincoln
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dingell
Donnelly
Doyle

Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Foster
Frank (MA)
Giffords
Gillibrand
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hereth Sandlin
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hodes
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Hoyer
Inslee
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
Kirk
Klein (FL)
Kucinich
Lampson
Langevin

Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
LaTourette
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Loeb sack
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lynch
Mahoney (FL)
Maloney (NY)
Markey
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum (MN)
McDermott
McGovern
McIntyre
McNerney
McNulty
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Michaud
Miller (NC)
Miller, George
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murtha
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)

Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Salazar
Sánchez, Linda T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Saxton
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler

Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Space
Speier
Spratt
Sarbanes
Stupak
Sutton
Tanner
Tauscher
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)

NOES—183

Aderholt
Akin
Bachmann
Bachus
Barrett (SC)
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Boehner
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boustany
Brady (TX)
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Carter
Castle
Chabot
Clay
Coble
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Crenshaw
Culberson
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Deal (GA)
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Doolittle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Ehlers
Emerson
English (PA)
Fallin
Flake
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foxx
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach

Gilchrest
Gingrey
Gohmert
Goode
Goodlatte
Granger
Graves
Hall (TX)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Issa
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jordan
Keller
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kuhl (NY)
Lamborn
Latham
Latta
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
LoBiondo
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel E.
Mack
Manzullo
Marchant
McCarthy (CA)
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McHugh
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller, Gary
Moran (KS)
Murphy, Tim
Musgrave
Myrick
Neugebauer
Nunes
Paul

NOT VOTING—25

Alexander
Andrews
Blunt
Boren
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Campbell (CA)
Cardoza
Clyburn

Cramer
Davis, Tom
Dicks
Doggett
Edwards
Everett
Feeney
Ferguson
Higgins

Hulshof
LaHood
Marshall
Moran (VA)
Nadler
Peterson (PA)
Rush
Weller

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain to vote.

□ 2030

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 5819, SBIR/STTR REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 5819, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, the insertion of appropriate headings, and to conform the table of contents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMY RESERVE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Army Reserve. On this date, we should take a moment to honor their proud tradition of service and sacrifice.

The Reserve was first established by President Theodore Roosevelt on April 23, 1908, when he signed into law the Medical Reserve Corps. Four years later, the Regular Army Reserve was established, and they have gone on to duty and served in every major conflict operation of the last century. America's Army Reserve has served in both world wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and in Iraq and Afghanistan as the central fronts of the global war on terrorism.

As a veteran of the Army Reserve, the 460th Replacement Detachment of Florence, South Carolina, and the 815th Personnel Service Company of Orangeburg, South Carolina, I wish to express my immense gratitude for the hard work and dedication of our Reserve soldiers. Our Nation is safer because of their sacrifice. The best way to protect American families is to defeat terrorism overseas.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Day of Silence. On April 25, hundreds of thousands of students around our country will observe a day of silence in memory of Lawrence King. Lawrence was a 15-year-old attending E.O. Greene Junior High in Oxnard, California, my district. He liked to draw, study bugs, crochet, and sing.

He was also repeatedly harassed in school because of his sexual orientation and gender expression. He endured anti-gay taunts, slurs, and other forms of bullying. This harassment culminated in his death when on February 1, 2008, he was shot in the head by his 14-year-old classmate.

Larry's death is incredibly tragic. It is also a sad reminder that pleas for help from our young lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender population are often met with silence.

I commend the courage of every student participating in the Day of Silence. I know that their efforts will bring much-needed attention to the plight that students like Larry face every single day.

CONGRATULATING THE ARMY RESERVE ON ITS CENTENNIAL

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, Public Law 101 was signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt 100 years ago today on April 23, 1908. Accordingly, I rise to congratulate the Army Reserve on its centennial.

First conceived by President Roosevelt and senior military leaders as a means to increase the efficiency of the Army's Medical Corps by establishing a reserve force of specially trained personnel, the mission of the Army Reserve has since been expanded to include additional military occupational specialties. Indeed, it is testament to the stature of the Reserve that it now provides nearly 40 percent of the mission-essential combat support and combat service support forces of the Army.

Moreover, Mr. Speaker, since September 11, 2001, 98 percent of Army Reserve units have either deployed or provided mobilized soldiers, and more than 180,000 individual soldiers have been mobilized or deployed in support of this global war on terrorism.

As we honor the Army Reserve on its centennial, I would like to pay tribute to all of our citizen soldiers, past and present, whose personal courage, contributions, and sacrifices have helped preserve the freedom and advance the national security and homeland defense of the United States.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DONNELLY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House,

the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

RELEASE THE BORDER PATROL AGENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, it has been 16 months since two of America's border protectors have been locked up in Federal prison in solitary confinement. Ramos and Compean tonight are in two different places in the United States but both are in a Federal penitentiary for enforcing the law that we have entrusted them to enforce on the Texas-Mexico border.

Now, we understand that in this case, the case that was based upon the testimony of a drug smuggler that brought drugs worth \$750,000 into the United States, the entire Federal Government's case was based upon his testimony. His testimony, when the Federal Government gave him a back-room deal, promised not to prosecute him, let him go back and forth across the Texas-Mexico border, all for his testimony to testify against two border agents, claiming in his testimony that he was unarmed when he was shot fleeing the two border agents a couple of years ago when he brought drugs into the United States.

Now, we know that while he was waiting to testify, this star witness, this back-room deal witness, he brought another load of drugs into the United States, and the U.S. Attorney's Office kept that from the jury that was hearing the case against Ramos and Compean. The U.S. Attorney's Office denied for months that that ever occurred, and finally, the truth came out when Members of Congress found out about it.

And last week, the drug smuggler, the back-room deal witness, the witness whose testimony was bought at a price of freedom, was convicted in Federal prison for bringing in that load of drugs the U.S. Attorney's Office denied ever occurred.

Mr. Speaker, Ramos and Compean were convicted on tainted testimony, testimony that, as the U.S. Attorney's Office admitted before Congress, had some lies in it said by this star, back-room witness. And it's time that these two individuals be pardoned, that their case be reversed, that the next year we find out the truth that the U.S. Attorney's Office hid that second deal. All the while, let's leave the drug dealer in the Federal penitentiary where drug dealers belong.

And that's just the way it is.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.